

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A process for producing glass fiber comprising:

heating and rotating a hollow cylinder-shaped rotating member having a peripheral wall provided with orifices so as to rotate molten glass in the rotating member, and ejecting the molten glass through the orifices by centrifugal force to form glass fiber, characterized in

ejecting the molten glass through a larger orifice and a smaller orifice arranged alternately in a circumferential direction of the rotating member in the peripheral wall, so as to form two types of primary streams having different length,

introducing said primary streams into a flame flow around the rotating member, said flame flow being ejected in a direction substantially parallel with a generatrix direction of an outer circumference of the peripheral wall, so as to fine said primary streams to form secondary fibers, and

ejecting compressed fluid in a direction at an acute angle relative to the flame flow including secondary fibers, to collide the secondary fibers with the compressed fluid so as to cut the secondary fibers to control a length of the secondary fibers.

2. (Original) The process for producing glass fiber according to claim 1, wherein the compressed fluid is ejected in an angle of 15-30 degree relative to the generatrix direction of the outer circumference of the peripheral wall of the rotating member.

3. (Original) The process for producing glass fiber according to claim 1, wherein a distance between a top edge of the compressed fluid and a bottom edge of the peripheral wall of the rotating member is at least 30 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for producing glass fiber comprising:
a hollow cylinder-shaped rotating member having a peripheral wall alternately
provided with a larger orifice and a smaller orifice in a circumferential direction of the
peripheral wall,
a circular drawing burner concentrically arranged above and around the
rotating member, and having an ejecting outlet opened in a direction substantially parallel
with a generatrix direction of an outer circumference of the peripheral wall, and
an ejecting nozzle around the drawing burner, said ejecting nozzle being
concentrically arranged above and around the peripheral wall of the rotating member, and
having an ejecting outlet opened in a direction at an acute angle relative to the generatrix
direction of the outer circumference of the peripheral wall,

wherein said peripheral wall has an upper side region and a lower side region,
wherein said upper side region is alternately provided with the larger orifice
having a first diameter and the smaller orifice having a second diameter in the circumferential
direction,
wherein said lower side region is alternately provided with the larger orifice
having a third diameter and the smaller orifice having a fourth diameter in the circumferential
direction,

wherein said third diameter is smaller than said first diameter, and
wherein said fourth diameter is smaller than said second diameter.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for producing glass fiber according to
claim 4, wherein:

the larger orifices are arranged in the generatrix direction of the outer
circumference to form first bands group of orifices,

the smaller orifices are arranged in the generatrix direction of the outer circumference to form second bands group of orifices, and

the first bands group of orifices and the second bands group of orifices are arranged alternately in the circumferential direction of the peripheral wall of the rotating member.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for producing glass fiber according to claim 4, wherein

a difference in the diameter between at least two types of orifices each having different diameter is in a range of from 0.02 to 0.3 mm.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for producing glass fiber according to claim 6, wherein

a difference in the diameter between at least two types of orifices each having different diameter is in a range of from 0.02 to 0.3 mm.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A process for producing glass fiber comprising:
heating and rotating a hollow cylinder-shaped rotating member having a peripheral wall provided with orifices so as to rotate molten glass in the rotating member, and
ejecting the molten glass through orifices by centrifugal force to form glass fiber, characterized in

ejecting molten glass through a larger orifice and a smaller orifice arranged alternately in a circumferential direction of the rotating member in the peripheral wall, so as to form two types of primary streams having different length,

introducing said primary streams into flame flow around the rotating member, said flame flow being ejected in a direction substantially parallel with a generatrix direction of an outer circumference of the peripheral wall, so as to fine said primary streams to form secondary fibers, and

ejecting compressed fluid in an angle of 15-30 degree relative to the generatrix direction of the outer circumference of the peripheral wall of the rotating member, to the flame flow including secondary fibers, to collide the secondary fibers with the compressed fluid, so as to cut the secondary fibers to control a length al engine of the secondary fibers, wherein a distance between a top edge of the compressed fluid and a bottom edge of the peripheral wall of the rotating member is 30-50 mm.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus for producing glass fiber according to ~~claim 5~~ claim 4, wherein the first diameter > the second diameter > the third diameter > the fourth diameter.